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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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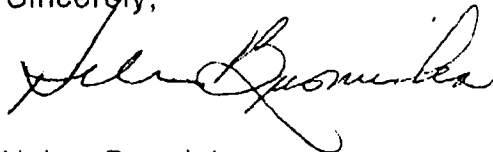
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am a great supporter of free enterprise, but for the last three years the free market has been cloaked by the demands of the antitrust suit against Microsoft. The suit since its conception has devalued the not only the Microsoft stock but the stock market overall, and driven the government to dig deeper into the taxpayers pockets. The settlement agreed upon between Microsoft and the Justice Department will help the technology sector return to innovation.

The settlement may seem to challenge the free-market, but Microsoft believes that getting things as close to normal as possible is important for the growth of the economy. The settlement prevents Microsoft from retaliating against computer makers that may ship software that would compete with its Windows operating system. Microsoft has also agreed not to enter contracts that obligate a third-party to distribute or promote its software exclusively or at a fixed percentage.

I urge you to make certain that this settlement is confirmed swiftly. Not just Microsoft, but also the industry as whole must be allowed to return to innovating.

Sincerely,



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